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## Attorney's docket 41-303-3 First Preliminary Amendment

Claim 11:

line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to" to -- claim --. Claim 12:

lines 1 and 2, delete "for use in a method according to one of the claims 1 to 11, said joining element".

Claim 15:

line 1, change one of the claims 12 to " to -- claim --. Claim 17:

line 1, change "one of the claims 12 to" to -- claim --.
Claim 18:

line 1, change one of the claims 12 to to -- claim --.
Claim 19:

line 1, change "one of the claims 12 to" to -- claim --.
Claim 20:

line 1, change "one of the claims 12 to" to -- claim --.

Cancel claims 21 and 22

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